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The office action confusingly marks this action as final and also non-final. It is believed that this is a mistake and that the action is appropriately marked as non-final. Applicant is accordingly responding based on this assumption. If applicant is wrong the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone conference on this matter.

The present claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 and each of the claims are believed to be allowable but for the §112 issues.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for pointing out the basis upon which the § 112 issues have been raised.

Applicant believes that the currently amended claims more than adequately addresses both the issues raised by the Examiner, while also adding additional changes that are believed to be appropriate in further responding to the 35 U.S.C. § 112 issues.

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It is believed that the present application is accordingly allowable and an early notification of the same is requested. If the Examiner believes the telephone interview will help further the prosecution of the application and the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone conference.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being Respectfully submitted, transmitted via facsimile to the USPTO at 571-273-8300 on October 25, 2006.

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